nationwide braodband telecom and multimedia network by laying optical fibre cable along the Railway track and provide modern comunication system to improve Railway's operation and safety and bring in additional revenue by marketing surplus telecom capacity.

(b) the Detailed Project Report envisages an estimated expenditure of Rs. 2500 crore (approximately) for creation of 35,000 km optical fibre cable based network and an estimated earning of Rs. 1600 crore in the fifth year of operation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Recovery from railway catering/vending stalls

1157. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the relevant factors were taken into consideration before taking a decision for recovery of 12 per cent on the gross sales turnover of the catering/vending stalls at small and roadside stations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to relax the recovery from 12 per cent to 8 per cent from catering/vending stalls at small and roadside stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. while rationalising the percentage of licence fee for catering/vending units uniformly on Indian Railways, all the relevant factors *viz*. sale turnover, location of the unit, building/land rent, conservancy charges etc. were taken into consideration. Accordingly, a uniform lumpsum licence fee was decided to be 12% of the sales turnover in case of all static/mobile units including catering/ vending stalls at small and roadside stations.

(c) No, Sir.